

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (previously presented) A cordless telephone, comprising:
a remote handset;
a base unit matched to said remote handset; and
an MPEG audio player integrated within at least one of said remote handset and said base unit;

wherein said remote handset of said cordless telephone can switch between performing as a telephony device and performing as said MPEG audio player.

2. (previously presented) The cordless telephone according to claim 1, wherein:

said MPEG audio player is integrated within said remote handset.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The cordless telephone according to claim 1, wherein:

said MPEG audio player is an MP3 player.

5. (previously presented) The cordless telephone according to claim 2, wherein:

said MPEG audio player is an MP3 player.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 7, further comprising:

connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

playing MP3 music from a remote handset of said cordless telephone; and

muting said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music when said remote handset is active in a current telephone call.

10. (previously presented) The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 9, wherein:

said muting pauses said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music.

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising: according to claim 13, wherein:
connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

playing MP3 music from a remote handset of said cordless telephone;

downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source; and

storing said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format in said remote handset of said cordless telephone;

wherein said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format is stored in Flash memory in said remote handset.

15. (currently amended) A The method of integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising: according to claim 11, wherein:
connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

playing MP3 music from a remote handset of said cordless telephone; and

downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source;

wherein said remote bit stream audio source is accessible by said remote handset via an Internet.

16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~The apparatus~~ for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone ~~according to claim 18~~, further comprising:

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone;

means for connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN); and

means for muting said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music when said remote handset is active in a current telephone call.

20. (previously presented) The apparatus for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone according to claim 19, wherein:

said means for muting pauses said playing of said pre-loaded MP3 music.

21. (canceled)

22. (canceled)

23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~The apparatus~~ for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising: according to claim 23, wherein:

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone;

means for connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

means for downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source; and

said means for storing stores said downloaded digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format in Flash memory in said remote handset of said cordless telephone.

25. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~The apparatus~~ for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone, comprising: according to claim 21, wherein:

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone;

means for connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN); and

means for downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source that is accessible by said remote handset via an Internet.

26. (canceled)

27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~The apparatus~~ for integrating an MPEG audio player in a cordless telephone ~~according to claim 24~~, further comprising:

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone;

means for connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN);

means for downloading digital bit stream music comprised in an MPEG format to said remote handset directly from a remote bit stream audio source; and

means for decompressing MPEG formatted music into digital music samples for digital to analog output.

29. (currently amended) A ~~The~~ cordless telephone, comprising:
~~according to claim 1, wherein:~~

means for playing pre-loaded MP3 music from a remote handset of a cordless telephone;

means for connecting a base unit of said cordless telephone to a public switched telephone network (PSTN); and

means for switching a remote handset of said cordless telephone from performing as a telephony device to performing as an MPEG audio player, said switching being ~~said switch is~~ initiated upon activation of a button on said remote handset of said cordless telephone.